

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kazunori BAN, et al.

Serial No. 10/689,721

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No. 3973

Filed: October 22, 2003

Examiner: LIEW, ALEX KOK SOON

For: THREE-DIMENSIONAL VISUAL SENSOR

**COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER REGARDING NEED TO ISSUE A REPLACEMENT  
OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As discussed with Examiner Liew on March 13, 2007, the Office Action mailed March 6, 2007 herein is defective since addressing only original claims 1-16 and, thus, overlooking new claims 17 and 18 added by the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the subject application on October 22, 2003. Applicants understand that the Office Action mailed March 6, 2007 will be withdrawn and a new Office Action with a new Response due date issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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